



Claims on Appeal (USSN 09/211,507)

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:
administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant effective to alter blood flow to the vagina;
wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of licorice-based and banana nut bread odorants, a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, a mixture of lavender and pumpkin pie odorants, a mixture of baby powder and chocolate odorants, and combinations thereof.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein administering the odorant is effective to increase blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 10-30%.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein administering the odorant is effective to increase blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 4-15%.
5. A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:
administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant to alter blood flow to the vagina;
wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of a licorice-based and cucumber odorant, a mixture of a lavender and pumpkin pie odorant, a mixture of a baby powder and chocolate odorant, and combinations thereof.
6. A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:
administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant to alter blood flow to the vagina,
the odorant comprising a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants; wherein
administering the odorant is effective to decrease blood flow to the vagina of the female individual by about 10-20%.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein the odorant is administered at a concentration effective to provide a suprathreshold but not irritant amount of the odorant.

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10. The method of claim 9, wherein the odorant is administered at a concentration of about 25-55 decismel units.
11. The method of claim 1, further comprising: having the female individual inhale the odorant for about 1-3 minutes.
35. The method of Claim 43, whereby inhalation of the odorant increases the blood flow to the vagina by about 10-30 %.
39. The method of Claim 43, wherein the odorant is provided in a delivery device selected from the group consisting of a vial, jar, pouch, can, bottle, blister pack, and a scratch-and-sniff odor patch containing microcapsules of the odorant.
40. The method of Claim 43, wherein the odorant is provided in a form selected from the group consisting of a cloth scented with the odorant, an aerosol spray, a pump-type spray, a nasal spray, a liquid or solid form of the odorant contained in a vessel having a cap, a liquid or solid form of the odorant contained in a blister pack, and microcapsules of the odorant contained in a scratch-and-sniff odor patch.
41. The method of Claim 43, wherein the odorant is provided in the form of a cream or a cologne.
42. The method of Claim 43, wherein the odorant is provided in a liquid form contained in a dispenser.
43. A method for altering blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:
administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant to alter blood flow to the vagina,
wherein the odorant comprises a mixture of a licorice-based odorant and a cucumber odorant.

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44. A method for increasing blood flow to the vagina of a female individual, comprising:
administering to the female by inhalation of an odorant to increase blood flow to the vagina by about 10-30%; wherein the odorant is selected from the group consisting of a mixture of licorice-based and banana nut bread odorants, a mixture of licorice-based and cucumber odorants, a mixture of lavender and pumpkin pie odorants, a mixture of baby powder and chocolate odorants, and combinations thereof.